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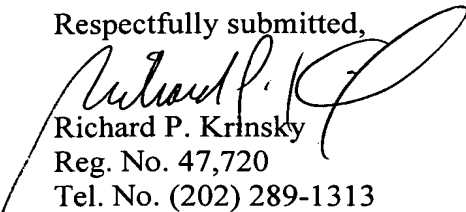
Sir:

Petitioners, Applicants in the above-identified application, hereby request that the time for responding to the outstanding Office Communication, dated November 1, 2005 be extended for one (1) month pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

As required, the fee of **\$120.00** specified in 37 CFR 1.17 for a one-month extension is submitted herewith. Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Account Number 02-1010 (677/41958).

The requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations having been met, acceptance of this document is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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